

## CLAIMS

1           1. In a third or future generation telecommunication network, a  
2 method of allocating resources for user traffic passing between a mobile  
3 terminal and a remote user comprising:

4           comparing unidirectional Resource reSerVation Protocol (RSVP)  
5 messages so as to detect any previous RSVP message for that session.

1           2. A method according to Claim 1 comprising:  
2 arranging a flag to indicate that a RSVP message for that session has  
3 already been sent.

1           3. A method according to Claim 2 wherein the flag is provided as an  
2 additional bit in every RSVP message.

3           4. A method according to Claim 2 wherein the mobile terminal is  
4 arranged to set the flag.

1           5. A method according to Claim in 4 wherein the mobile terminal is  
2 also arranged to sense the presence of the flag.

1           6. A method according to Claim 1 wherein the flag is a session flag  
2 and is provided in Packet Data Protocol (PDP) context.

1           7. A method according to Claim 6 wherein a support node of the  
2 network is arranged to set the flag and to send PDP protocol in a first  
3 direction.

1           8. A method according to Claim 7 wherein the support node is also  
2 arranged to sense the presence of the flag in PDP Protocol received in a  
3 second direction and to discard any subsequent RSVP messages for that  
4 session.

1           9. A method according to Claim 8 wherein the support node is also  
2 arranged to determine whether a Quality of Service requirement in the PDP  
3 message is higher than the Quality of Service requirement currently  
4 applicable to the session, and if so to modify the existing PDP message.